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NexGenBus

Fibre Channel Test and Evaluation

Approach

- Objective:
 - Determine as reasonably possible, can Fibre Channel meet our future Operational Requirements.
- Methods:
 - Analysis
 - Demonstration
 - Simulation

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Methods

- Analysis
 - Port Functions
 - Physical Plant
 - Transmission Protocol
 - Signaling Protocol
 - Node Functions
 - Common Services
 - Mapping Layer for Upper-Level Protocol

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Analysis Method

- Port Functions
 - Physical Plant
 - Cable assemblies
 - Balanced transmission line
 - Unbalanced transmission line
 - Connectors
 - Operational Environmental
 - Transmitters and Receivers
 - clock recovery
 - bit error detection

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Analysis Method

- Port Functions (continued)
 - Transmission Protocol
 - 8b/10b encoding/decoding
 - ensures a minimum number of clock transitions while maintaining a dc balance and providing word alignment
 - ordered sets
 - identify frame boundaries and maintain the link
 - Signaling Protocol
 - defines the rules for transferring blocks of data
 - frame structure and byte sequences

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Analysis Method

- Node Functions
 - Common Services
 - a set of services that are common across multiple ports of a node
 - Mapping Layer
 - defines the steps required to perform the functions identified by a Upper-Level Protocol
 - for each ULP there is a corresponding mapping
 - a construct for establishing the endpoint of the node

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Analysis Results

- Determined that most of the test elements could not be isolated for testing.
- Identify specific test objectives for Demonstration and Simulation.
 - Demonstration
 - Physical plant
 - Simulation
 - Node to Node functions

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Analysis Results

- Test objectives for Demonstration
 - Physical Plant
 - Eye-diagram waveform test
 - Cable interoperability test
 - Transmission rate test
 - Noise rejection test

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Analysis Results

- Cable assemblies for the tests
 - Gore Quad (balanced pair)
 - FCN-1056 w/Mil-C-38999 style connector
 - Mil-C-17/94 (unbalanced)
 - RG-179 w/BNC connector
 - Mil-C-17/110 (unbalanced)
 - RG-302 w/BNC connector

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Analysis Results

- Test objectives for Simulation
 - Node to Node functions
 - Class of Service
 - Latency
 - Synchronicity
 - Topologies
 - Upper-Level Protocols

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Methods

- Demonstration
 - Eye-diagram waveform
 - overall signal quality
 - Cable interoperability
 - meet the specific requirements
 - Transmission rate
 - maximum frame data rate
 - Noise rejection
 - simulate EMI interference

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Demonstration Method

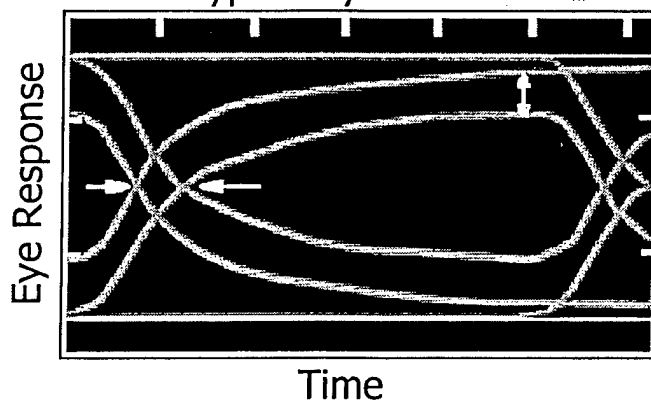
- Eye-diagram waveform
 - Jitter
 - bit times
 - differential skew
 - rise and fall times
 - Noise
 - amplitude

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Eye-diagram Waveform

Typical Eye Pattern



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Demonstration Method

- Cable interoperability
 - cable length
 - connector loss
- Transmission rate
 - maximum frame data rate
- Noise rejection
 - signal to noise ratio

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Demonstration Method

- Test data transmission
 - valid Fibre Channel data sequences
 - low frequency pattern (106.25Mhz)
 - low transition density pattern (433433...)
 - jitter tolerance pattern (50%, 100%, 30%, ...)
 - random data pattern
 - supply noise data pattern (...D31.3, ...)

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Demonstration Method

- General Test Setup

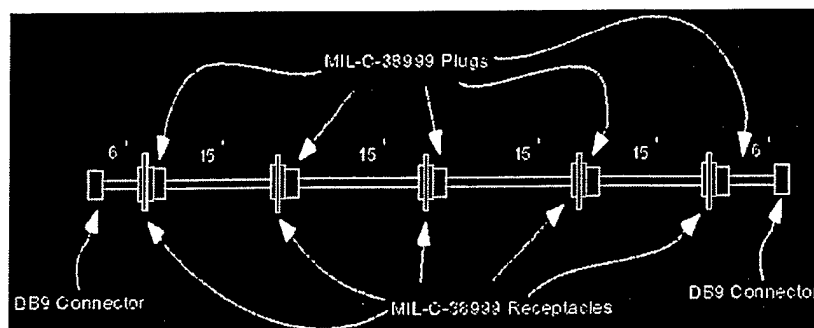


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Demonstration Method

- Quad Cable Layout

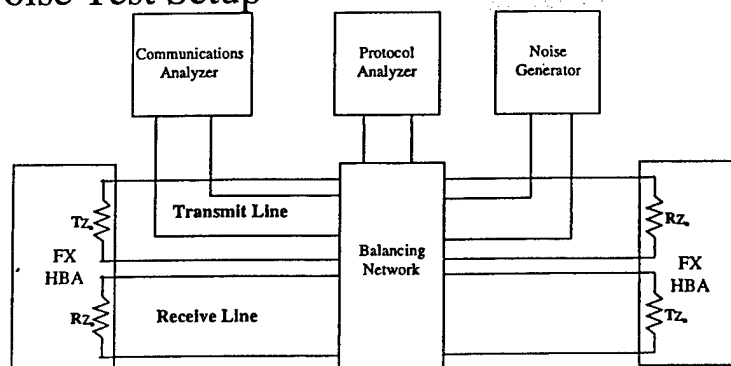


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Demonstration Method

- Noise Test Setup



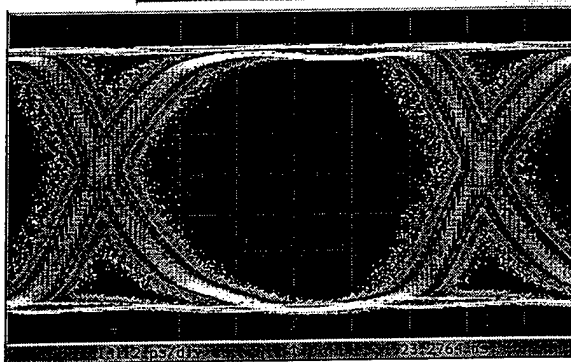
Z_0 = Nominal Characteristic Impedance

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Transmit Eye Pattern

Color grade is enabled...



PC1063
 total wfs 411.544 mask margin 40
 failed wfs 2.0 total hits 11
 total samples 3.4477E margin hits 11
 failed samples 11 mask hits 11

Mask off on

Mask align

Mask mode
 mask on/off
 till display

Scale 100%

Run 100%

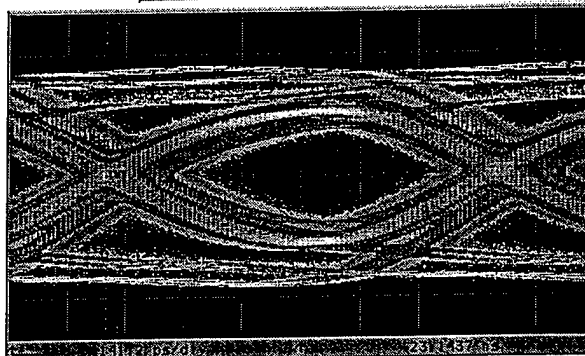
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Gore Quad Cable Results

Color grade is enabled...



PC1063
 total wfs 56.800 v mask margin -20v
 failed wfs 44.556 L total hits 82.766 v
 total samples 17.931 v margin hits 81.576 v
 failed samples 82.566 v mask hits 82.566 v

Mask off on

Mask align

Mask mode
 mask on/off
 till display

Scale 100%

Run 100%

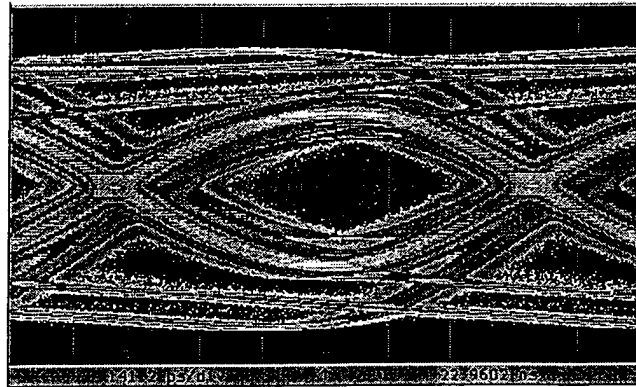
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RG-179 Cable Results

Color grade is enabled...



PRINT (HP-GL)
GIF

Destination
disk

HP-GL
[HP-83480]

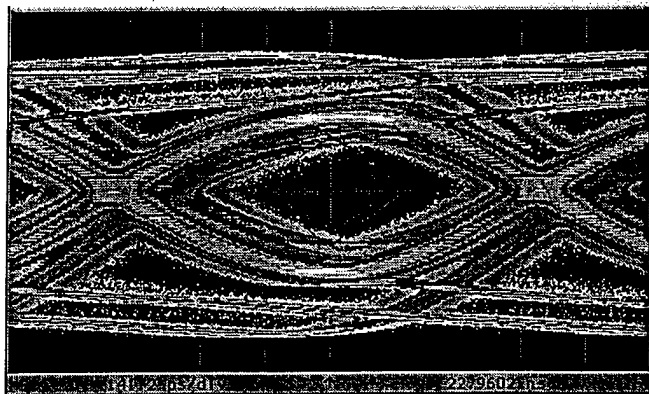
Data
graticule screen

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RG-302 Cable Results

Color grade is enabled...



PRINT (HP-GL)
PCX

Destination
disk

HP-GL
[HP-83480]

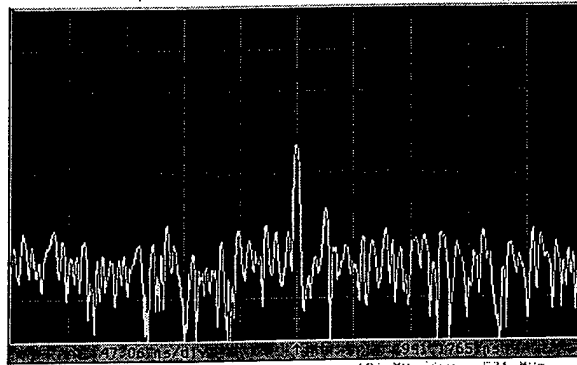
Data
graticule screen

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Noise Results

Acquisition is complete



FFT 1.000000 Hz
 Noise Floor 6.00 dBm

Channel 1 531.2 MHz
 100 kHz/div 531 MHz

time bitperiod
 1.000000 bit/s
 1.000000 bit/s
 500,000 bit
 1.000000 kbit
 left center
 file base
 loading

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Physical Plant Summary

- Summary table
 - dB loss per meter
 - dB loss per connector
 - Maximum Lengths
 - Transmission Rate performance
 - Noise Rejection performance

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Physical Plant Summary

Cable	Cable Loss (dB/m)	Conn. Loss (dB/Con)	Max Cable Length (m)	Trans. Rate (MB/s)	S/N Ratio
Quad	.138	.45	20	93	2.38
RG-179	.62	.50	10	90	4.25
RG-302	.288	.25	25	90	3.5

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Close

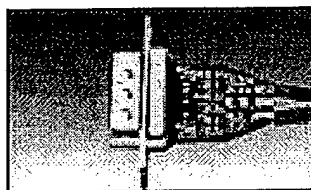
- One Giga-baud data rate with copper media
- Quad and coax cables perform well
- Quad cable has excellent signal integrity - however, highest cost
- Coax cables have good performance and low cost --- isolated grounds?
- Whats next?

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Why not STP?

- standard specifies for 266Mbaud (1/4x)
- Equalization
 - for long lengths
 - fixed cable assemblies
 - solid conductor?



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